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Classified By: Political M/C Alice G. Wells. Reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

On March 4, we passed reftel demarche to MFA Attache Sergey Zhdanov, who reiterated Russia's support of UNSCR 1798. Zhdanov acknowledged that a continued UN presence is critical to stability in the region, and posited that any change in the UN's posture would need to be well thought-out. At this time, Zhdanov reported Russia had no formal positions regarding sanctions or a restructuring of UNMEE's mission. We will follow up with the MFA in the coming days to see if the GOR has any more on this subject.
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